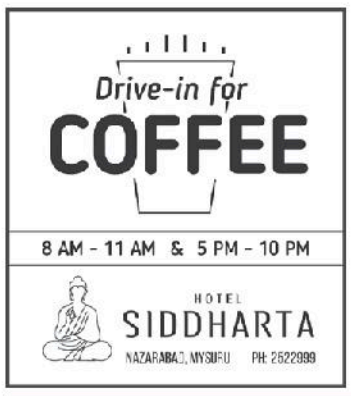

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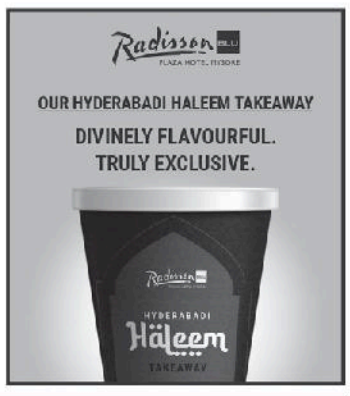

PM Modi virtually opens Multi-Modal Logistics Park

▶ Inaugurates Jan Aushadhi Kendra at Mysuru City Railway Station

▶ Flags off second Vande Bharat Express train from Mysuru to Chennai

▶ MP Prathap Simha unveils plaques at Inland Container Depot in Kadakola

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PIC. 1: ***The Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) or Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Kadakola near Thandavapura in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district.*** *PIC. 2:* ***Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat and Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw, pressing the button to virtually inaugurate the MMLP-ICD.*** *PIC. 3:* ***Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha unveiling the plaques at Inland Container Depot in Kadakola this morning.***

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (BLU&BCT)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for railway projects worth Rs. 1,06,000 crore, including the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) or Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Kadakola near Thandavapura in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district and launched 10 new Vande Bharat trains including the Mysuru-Dr. MGR Central (Chennai) Vande Bharat Express.

He inaugurated 50 Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Kendras at various Railway Stations, including Mysuru. These centres will provide high-quality generic medicines, surgical equipment and other healthcare essentials at reduced prices, making cost-effective healthcare accessible to Railway passengers and the general public.

After visiting the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Operation Control Centre in Ahmedabad, the PM launched the projects from Sabarmati at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

The Prime Minister said his Government undertakes developmental works as part of its mission to build the nation and not to win elections as perceived by some people.

"Some people try to look at our efforts through the electoral lens. Let me tell you that we undertake developmental works as part of a mission to build the nation, not to form a Government (by winning elections). We want to ensure that our youths do not suffer what their past generations suffered. This is Modi's guarantee," he said.

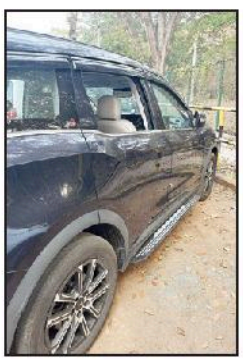
The Prime Minister Modi said that in the last 10 years, his Government spent around six times more on the development of railways than what was done earlier.

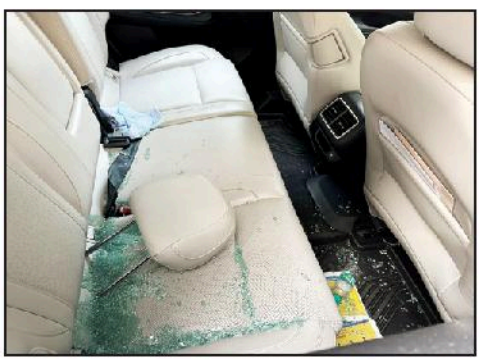
(See MODI on page 6)

Smash & Grab!

City industrialist loses laptop and badminton kit worth Rs. 1.20 lakh as miscreants break window & steal

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (RK&VNS)- In a broad daylight incident of smash and grab where miscreants made away with a laptop and badminton kit by breaking open the rear window glass of a car has been reported in city. The incident took place on Saturday last, when city industrialist H.H. Ram, a resident of Brindavan Extension, had parked his Mahindra XUV 700 opposite to CESC office on Sri Harsha Road.





Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Ram said that he had arrived at Sri Harsha Road in his car on Saturday last at about 4.30 pm to attend a meeting and when he returned at about 5.50 pm, he was shocked to see the glass of rear window shattered and when he examined the car he found his laptop and badminton kit, both worth Rs. 1.20 lakh, missing from the car. Later, Ram approached Lashkar Police Station and filed a complaint. The Police have registered an FIR and are investigating.

In a similar incident, miscreants made away with laptop from a car, also Mahindra XUV, parked in the Garuda Mall parking area on the same day. The Police said, Pavan, a native of Shanivarasanthe in Kodagu, had parked his car in the public parking area at Makkaji Chowk and when he returned he found that rear window glass was broken and his laptop was missing. Later, he filed a complaint at Devaraja Police Station.

According to Police, the incident took place between 3.45 pm and 4 pm on Saturday last following which the same gang struck at Sri Harsha Road between 4.15 pm and 4.30 pm. The Police have collected the CCTV footages and are investigating.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 12th March 2024

Talk on Inclusive Growth and Unequal Development

Mysuru, Mar. 12- Mysore Open Forum has organised a talk on 'Inclusive Growth and Unequal Development' by Prof. Srinivasan Raghavendran on Sunday (Mar. 17) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru, at 10.30 am. The talk is open to all. [Mob:94498-19536].

Prof. Srinivasan

Prof. Raghavendran teaches at the School of Arts and Sciences at the Azim Premji University. He obtained an M.Phil (Economics) from the Centre for Development Studies in Trivandrum and Ph.D from the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi.

Prior to joining the Azim Premji University, he worked in the National University of Ireland, Galway in Ireland and in the Madras School of Economics in Chennai. His research is focused in the areas of Macroeconomics, Finance, Political Economy and Development.

In his talk, he will contextualise the structural transformation debate on the growth path Indian economy took in the past, the constraints it faced and resulting policy solutions to resolve those constraints. He will highlight that this growth path underpins the duality that we witness today and further implications for inequalities arising from such unequal development and argue that the dynamics between growth imperatives and developmental consequences needs a more careful examination than it is accorded in the standard economics literature.

He will propose that such analysis requires two things: a) liberate us from the linear approach offered by the standard economic analysis, b) developing an intersectional approach for rethinking the process of economic development that is embedded in the realities of the Indian context.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is a matter of serious concern that custodial rapes continue to take place in the country in spite of many preventive and punitive measures and campaigns against it. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), more than 270 cases were reported between 2017 and 2022. There has been a gradual decrease in numbers over the years, but even a single case is repugnant because the crime is committed by persons tasked with protecting the safety and honour of women. The actual numbers could be higher because many cases may not be reported. According to the report, the offenders include Police personnel, public servants, members of the armed forces and staff of jails, remand homes and hospitals. These places should be havens of safety for women but the power and authority is abused by officials to sexually exploit vulnerable women.

Women's activists point out that the causes of custodial sexual offences include patriarchal norms, abuse of power by the authorities, lack of gender sensitivity and training for Police and other officials, and the social stigma attached to victims.

They say the government must address the root causes and take effective steps, which include ushering in legal reforms, providing better training for law enforcement personnel, conducting campaigns for social and behavioural changes and putting in place stronger mechanisms for accountability.

NGOs and civil society and community groups may also be involved in the campaign. The culture of impunity and victim blaming within the law enforcement machinery hinders survivors from seeking justice. Recently, the Calcutta High Court was told that pregnancies among female prisoners are increasing in West Bengal and 196 babies are in various prisons of the State.

The NCRB data is a wake-up call to the government and society to take effective action for safeguarding the honour of women in custody and ensuring punishment for those who violate it. *— In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bread dating back to 6600 BC found

Catalhoyuk: Archaeologists in Turkey have unearthed what they believe to be the world's oldest bread. The find dates back to an impressive 6600 BC and was located at Catalhoyuk, an archaeological site in southern Turkey's Konya province.

The bread residue was found near a partially destroyed oven structure in an area called "Mekan 66," surrounded by ancient mudbrick houses. According to a press release from Turkey's Necmettin Erbakan University Science and Technology Research and Application Center (BITAM), the bread appears to be a round, spongy remnant and was identified through analysis. It was determined that the organic residue was 8,600-year-old, uncooked, fermented bread.

Salih Kavak, a biologist at Gaziantep University in Turkey, explained in the press release that this finding "eliminated our doubts" about the bread's authenticity.

Potato plant grows to 11 ft., 3 inches tall

McDowell County: A North Carolina woman's 11-foot, 3-inch potato plant has officially been dubbed the tallest in the world by Guinness World Records.

Cecelia Smith of Nebo, in McDowell County, said she started growing her potato plant, which she dubbed Gertrude, in February 2023, and she started to suspect by May that it might end up being the tallest in the world.

Smith said she has now received a certificate confirming Gertrude was the tallest potato plant in the world when it was measured at 11 feet and 3 inches tall last July.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Calcium supplement causes renal stone
Fact: Calcium intake in moderation would prevent stone as it binds to oxalate and prevent its absorption in intestine.

By Dr. THIMMAIAH K A - Consultant – Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Free health check-up camp held at Srinivasa Multi-Speciality Hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 12 - Rakesh Siddaramaiah Memorial Srinivasa Multi-Speciality Hospital, as part of International Women's Day, had organised a free health camp for women at its premises in N.R. Mohalla here on Saturday.

Speaking after inaugurating the camp, Dr. S. Kamalamma, Gynaecologist at Srinivasa Multi-Speciality Hospital said "People of all age groups attended the camp. From fasting blood sugar check up, general medical check-up, diabetes, hypertension, pap smear, eye test, oncology consultation, gynaecology, dental and eye check-up were conducted free of cost."

More than 300 people including over 100 Pourakarmikas and 60 Anganawadi workers made use of the free health camp. Meenakshi, Managing Director of the Hospital, Dr. Divya, Emergency Physician, Dr. Bharathi, ENT Surgeon, Ananth Kumar, Facility Director and others were present.

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Today's level **88.21 feet**	Today's level **2,267.87 feet**	Today's level **2,830.10 feet**
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Yesterday's level **88.35 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,268.01 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.16 feet**
Today's Inflow **167 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **50 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,005 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The history of bread dates back over 30,000 years, evolving from simple flatbreads to a diverse array of bread types and flavours found in cuisines around the world today.*

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Mindfest' College Quiz: Entries invited

Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 has organised Mindfest, the College Quiz Extravaganza, on Mar. 16 at 10 am at S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, in city. The written prelims will be followed by finals for the qualifying teams. Interested College students may fill in the Google Form [***https://shorturl.at/fnrsV***]. There is no cap on the number of teams who can register. For details, contact Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder-Chairperson, Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 on Mob: 99802-50114.

Release of Silver Jubilee Souvenir

Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society has organised a programme at Hotel Pai Vista in city tomorrow (Mar. 13) at 5 pm for the release of Silver Jubilee Souvenir ('Sahakara Mithra'). Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple will grace the occasion. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha will inaugurate the programme. Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar will release the souvenir. Society President Narayan V. Hegde will preside. Retd. Mysuru Akashvani Programme Executive Divakar G. Hegde will be present. Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda and Hotel Owners' Association Charitable Trust President Ravi Shastri will be the chief guests.

Free Cardiac Camp

A free cardiac check-up camp has been organised at CSI Holdsworth Memorial (Mission) Hospital, Mandi Mohalla, on Mar. 14 between 10 am and 2 pm. ECHO, ECG and doctor consultation will be provided for free. Call Mob: 98869-23456.

Women's Day

Sri Chayadevi College of Education, Rajendranagar, has organised Women's Day celebrations at its premises tomorrow (Mar. 13) at 11.30 am. Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar will inaugurate the programme. Sri Chayadevi Vidyanikethana Trust President Dr. B. Banuprakash will preside. Dr. C. Anthony Paul Raj of Sri Chayadevi College of Education will be present.

Ph.D Awardee

Neelufar has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Synthesis, Characterisation and Biological Evaluation of Heterocyclic Schiff Base Ligands and Their Metal Complexes' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Nagaraja Naik.

Foundation laid for nine more Indira Canteens in Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (RK&BS)- Social Welfare and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa laid foundation for the construction of nine more Indira Canteens in the district including two in the city, on Monday.

Dr. Mahadevappa, who performed 'guddali puja' for Indira Canteen in the premises of new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar here, also distributed cheques for select beneficiaries under fourth phase of Chief Minister's Nagarothana Scheme.

He said, "When Siddaramaiah was the Chief Minister earlier, Indira Canteens were launched in the year 2016. A total of 17 canteens including 12 in city alone are functioning, with breakfast provided at Rs. 5 and meals at Rs. 10. In all, 520 canteens are opened in the State catering to hunger pangs of the poor and daily wagers, with plans on the anvil to add ragi balls (ragi mudde) and soppu saaru (Curry made of leaves) to the menu. Apart from extending financial assistance to those without own house, laptops are being distributed to the students, thus fulfilling the ethos of Constitution."

Following the implementation of 5 Guarantee Schemes by Congress Government with the poor getting rice, free travel in KSRTC buses for women, free power supply & financial assistance for unemployed graduates and diploma holders, there is a improvement in the livelihood of people, claimed Dr. Mahadevappa.

Narasimharaja MLA and former Minister Tanveer Sait said: "With Indira Canteen that was started by the Government with the sole purpose of providing food at affordable price to the labour class, it is helping in addressing the hunger of many. Once the Indira Canteen starts functioning at Deputy Commissioner's office premises (in New District-level Office Complex), it will be beneficial for the general public visiting various Government offices there."

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra said: "While foundation has been laid for building nine new Indira Canteens, the menu has been changed making a provision to include Ragi Balls and Soppu Saaru in the tender."

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) K. Marigowda, Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Ayub Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioner P. Shivaraju, Planning Director of District Urban Development Cell B. Shubha and others were present.

Social Welfare and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Narasimharaja MLA and former Minister Tanveer Sait and Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Ayub Khan performing 'guddali puja' for Indira Canteen in the premises of new Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar yesterday.

600 canteens to open in State: CM

Bengaluru, Mar. 12 (BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday announced that at least 600 Indira Canteens will be opened in the State before the announcement of Lok Sabha election.

Speaking to media persons after inaugurating two Indira Canteens in the premises of Kempegowda International Airport Limited (KIAL), the CM said: "Everybody will be provided breakfast at Rs. 5 and meals at Rs. 10 at the canteen. The canteens at Airport premises were opened following a demand from cab drivers and other drivers. A total of 188 new Indira Canteens will be opened in Bengaluru and the works on 40 canteens among the total planned, have been completed."

Meet of Guarantee beneficiaries of Mysuru on Mar. 15: Dist. Minister

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (MTY&BS)- A convention of beneficiaries of State Government's five Guarantee Schemes of Mysuru district has been organised at Maharaja's College Grounds in city on Mar. 15 at 12 noon, said Social Welfare and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

Speaking during a preliminary meeting of Officers over Guarantees Convention organised at Zilla Panchayat auditorium in the city on Monday, Dr. Mahadevappa said: "The five Guarantee Schemes implemented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led State Government have turned helpful for the poor and middle class families irrespective of caste and creed. It has come in handy in leading a respectable life in all the districts of the State. It has been intended to host a convention of guarantee beneficiaries of Mysuru district on Mar. 15 which will be inaugurated by CM Siddaramaiah. The elected representatives of the district will be attending the event."

Dr. Mahadevappa said: "The State Government walks the talk and the forthcoming convention is to tell the people about fulfilling the promises made in the past. Over 50,000 beneficiaries are expected to take part and measures have to be taken to arrange food and drinking water for them."

Providing a list of beneficiaries, Dr. Mahadevappa said: "There are 6.73 lakh Gruha Lakshmi beneficiaries, nine lakh under Gruha Jyothi, 783 under Yuva Nidhi and 22.76 lakh beneficiaries of Anna Bhagya from 7.10 lakh BPL cards. Under Shakti Scheme, daily thousands of women are travelling in KSRTC buses for free. By organising the convention, we will be seeking the opinions of the beneficiaries."

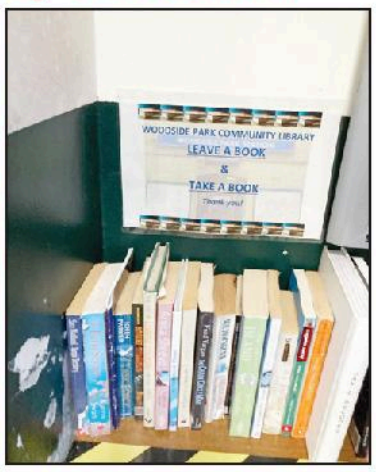
Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said: "The district has 256 Grama Panchayats and 16 Local Bodies and a total of 50,000 and odd beneficiaries will be arriving for convention from those limits. As many as 500 buses have been arranged to ferry beneficiaries and the designated Officers will be instructed to provide suitable parking facility and make food arrangements for them."

Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri and other district-level officials were present.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa flanked by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra and Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri seen during a meeting at ZP auditorium in city yesterday.

VOICE OF THE READER

Why not 'Book Swap' Libraries in our Railway Stations?



Sir,

This is Innovative ! *"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; And writing an exact man."* — **Francis Bacon.** Now let me narrate my experience.

During my recent visit to England, I came across a stimulating experience in Woodside Park Subway Station, where there was a board stating, **'Woodside Park Community Library'** with a simple message, *'Leave a book & Take a book'* and below it was added, *'Thank You!'* As a traveller, I was attracted to this simple message and my eyes were riveted to a pile of books on the wooden rack, inviting one to pick up any one of them.

Earlier on, visiting Buckingham Palace, the Lords Cricket Stadium, Museums and other places of interest, I had observed how keen the British were in the upkeep of monuments, buildings, parks, libraries etc., their penchant was inexhaustible. The **book swap libraries** at Tube Stations and other places bring out their innovative spirit and love for reading.

At the Woodside Park Subway Tube Station, a few books drew my attention — *'Easter Island'* by Jennifer Vanderbes; *Lady Chatterleys Lover* by D.H. Lawrence; *Decoded* by Jay-Z and so on. I recollected my write-up on *'Reflections on a Library in London'* (*SOM* dated Jan. 2, 2013), about how well the library was equipped, an example of how Londoners encourage reading habit. It was therefore a pleasant surprise to see how an unmanned small library was set up in a Tube Station urging those who pass by, to pick up a book.

There are more than 90 such book swap libraries, I learnt and a gentleman even mapped the places that have them. Many Tube Stations house them but some are even on streets housed in abandoned telephone booths that have been converted into such libraries. The one at Wimbledon Station has this helpful message on a poster on the book swap library door, *"Never be bored on a train journey again."*

Dating back to 2012, most of these book swap libraries are community-led initiatives, while others partner with social charities or with the London transport system, the TfL.

Looking at the diversity of the people in London, it was also interesting to learn that some of the books in these libraries are of other languages like Hindi, Tamil and Chinese and there are also children's picture books. Strangely enough even though the tube trains jostle with office-going folks and students, one does not experience loud noise in the compartment which is very conducive to reading. Would it not be a healthy practice that could be tried in India too?

— B.K. Viswanath
Mysuru 10.3.2024

Extend Chamundi Express, Chennai Daily Express to Ashokapuram

Sir,

Ashokapuram Railway Station, inaugurated on Mar. 4, marks a significant milestone for the region. The extension of four MEMU trains, Cauvery Express and Malgudi Express to the remodelled Station brings connectivity to the area.

I urge the Railway authorities to consider extending the daily Mysuru-Bengaluru Chamundi Express and Mysuru-Chennai daily train also to Ashokapuram.

This would benefit residents across 10 areas, including Srirampura, J.P. Nagar, BEML Nagar and Mysuru South.

I call upon elected reps from both Mysuru and Chennai, as well as other non-political organisations, to extend their support. By sending individual letters to Railways, we can collectively work towards enhancing transportation accessibility and improving quality of life for residents in Mysuru South.

—B. Shekar
Mysuru 5.3.2024

Tanveer Sait inaugurates Advanced Laser Treatment Services at Narayana Hospital

MLA Tanveer Sait seen with Narayana Hospital doctors' team.

Mysuru, Mar. 12- Narayana Hospital, a leading healthcare provider, has launched state-of-the-art Laser Surgery Treatment Services in Mysuru. With this, the Hospital has taken a progressive step towards advanced healthcare, emphasising minimally invasive procedures.

MLA Tanveer Sait inaugurated these cutting-edge services that are available at both Narayana Hospital, Mysuru and Narayana Medical Centre in Vijayanagar.

The newly-launched Laser Surgery Treatment offers a range of minimally invasive procedures designed to address various health concerns. Patients can benefit from advanced laser treatments for conditions such as: Hemorrhoids, Fistula, Fissures, Pilonidal Sinus, Laser Liposuction, Endo venous Laser Ablation (EVLA) for Varicose Veins, Genital Wart ablation and Laser Hysteroscopy Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Speaking on the occasion, Tanveer Sait lauded Narayana Hospital and the dedicated team of doctors contributing to the hospital's success. He stated, "I am proud of Narayana Hospital and the team of doctors. I have been supporting Narayana Hospital from the day it started its service in Mysuru. After completing a journey of medical service in Mysuru, the hospital is now starting advanced laser treatment. I express my gratitude to the hospital and the doctors for providing the much-needed medical services to the people."

Facility Director Pavan Kumar, who also spoke, said, "At Narayana Hospital, our focus is on delivering quality healthcare with compassion. The introduction of advanced laser treatment services is a significant milestone for us, and we are committed to ensuring that our community has access to the latest medical advancements."

City-based CFTRI celebrates National Science Day

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (BCT)- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI) in Mysuru recently celebrated National Science Day, paying tribute to the Nobel Laureate, Sir C. V. Raman.

Science Day is observed annually on Feb. 28 in India to commemorate C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect in 1928, which earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

The theme for National Science Day 2024 is "Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat," highlighting the pivotal role of science and technology in addressing global challenges and fostering a sustainable future. This theme focuses on critical areas such as climate change, resource depletion, environmental degradation and sustainable development.

The event was attended by distinguished guests with Prof. S.R. Niranjana, Vice-Chairman of Karnataka State Higher Education Council, former Vice-Chancellor of Gulbarga University and Distinguished Professor at University of Mysore, inaugurating the proceedings.

In his address titled "Development of Science and Technology in India," Prof. Niranjana underscored the indispensable role of higher education in nation-building and emphasised the need to harness indigenous technology development in the face of global research challenges. He also highlighted various contributions of scientists and technologists in Indian Science, underscoring the significance of creating an enabling environment for research.

Director of CSIR-CFTRI Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, in her presidential address, stressed the importance of celebrating National Science Day and nurturing a scientific mindset among the youth. She provided a brief overview of CSIR-CFTRI's pioneering research, cutting-edge technology and impactful societal programmes of national significance.

Science Day celebration at CSIR-CFTRI showcased the institute's unwavering commitment to scientific excellence, innovation and societal progress. Through collaborative efforts and ground-breaking research initiatives, CSIR-CFTRI continues to serve as a beacon of scientific advancement, shaping a brighter and more sustainable future.

The event was attended by over 300 staff, students and invitees, including delegates from Guyana who are participating in the international training programme at CFTRI.

Cochlear Implant Scheme now renamed 'Shravana Sanjeevini'

Will transform Karnataka into a hearing impairment-free State: Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao unveiling the board marking the renaming of Cochlear Implant Scheme as 'Shravana Sanjeevini' at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in the city this morning as Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait, Cochlear Implant Surgeon Dr. Shankar Medikeri, AIISH Director Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, Nodal Officer Dr. Naveen, State Health and Family Welfare Director Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha, Deputy Director (Family Welfare) Dr. B.R. Chandrika and DHO Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (RK&BS)- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao announced that the Government has devised several initiatives to transform Karnataka into a hearing impairment-free State.

He was addressing a gathering of experts and beneficiaries at a programme organised to celebrate the renaming of the Cochlear Implant Scheme as 'Shravana Sanjeevini' by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, and the inauguration of a workshop on implant maintenance and the importance of auditory-verbal therapy at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) this morning.

Rao stated, "Some children suffer from hearing impairment since birth, a condition that requires specialised treatment often accompanied by a hefty price tag. To assist financially disadvantaged individuals struggling with hearing-related issues, the Government introduced the Cochlear Implant Scheme in 2016. In the previous fiscal year (2023-24), a total of 323 surgeries were performed under this scheme, ranking Karnataka first in the country. Furthermore, the recent 2024-25 State budget has allocated Rs. 32 crore for the continuation of this scheme."

To execute the scheme effectively, the State Government has partnered with AIISH and a total of 27 empanelled hospitals, including 12 Government Hospitals.

ASHA workers and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) volunteers have undergone comprehensive training to detect hearing and speech impairments in children at an early stage and ensure appropriate treatment, alongside providing care for both mother and child, Rao said.

Sowmya, a homemaker from Shivamogga, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the AIISH staff and Dr. Shankar B. Medikeri, a specialist in cochlear implant surgery, as her two-year-old daughter Ishani successfully underwent Cochlear Implant surgery.

The heartwarming story of Ibbani, who confidently spoke a few lines, including her name and native place, ignited hope among the attendees. A total of 500 beneficiaries of the Cochlear Implant Scheme from across the State were in attendance, receiving hearing aids and CI Surgery Kits.

Narasimharaja MLA and former Minister Tanveer Sait, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director of Health and Family Welfare Department Dr. B.S. Pushpalatha, Deputy Director, Family Welfare and State Nodal Officer for Cochlear Implant Scheme Dr. B.R. Chandrika, Nodal Officer Dr. Naveen, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy and others were present.

'Gopuram' Jewellery Show by Art Karat begins

Shubha Achia** (in green saree) **inaugurated the Art Karat Jewellery's finest silver jewellery collection 'Gopuram,' inspired by the temple gates of South India, at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city this morning. Others seen are** (from left) **Rajashree, Organiser Krupa Sumanth and Hemani. The exhibition will be open between 11 am and 8 pm today and tomorrow.

Second Mysuru-Chennai Vande Bharat train from April 5

PM Modi virtually flags off inaugural run from Chennai to Bengaluru

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (BLU&BCT)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off 10 new Vande Bharat trains this morning, including the second Vande Bharat Express between Mysuru and Chennai via Bengaluru.

This brings the total count of Vande Bharat trains plying across India to 50, covering 45 nationwide routes. Vande Bharat connects States with Broad Gauge electrified networks, spanning 24 States and 256 districts.

The inaugural Vande Bharat Train will run as a special service from Chennai Central to Bengaluru while regular services from Mysuru to Chennai and back will commence from April 5 as maintenance facility works at Mysuru yard are under progress.

Train number 20663, the Mysuru-MGR Chennai Vande Bharat Express, will depart from Mysuru at 6 am and arrive at MGR Chennai at 12.20 pm daily, except Wednesdays.

En route, it will make stoppages at Mandya (arrival 6.28 am; Departure 6.30 am), Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) Bengaluru at Baiyappanahalli (7.45 am/7.50 am), Krishnarajapuram (8.04 am/8.06 am), and Katpadi (10.33 am/10.35 am).

In the return direction, train number 20664, the MGR Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat, will depart from Chennai at 5 pm and reach Mysuru at 11.20 pm daily, except Wednesdays. It will stop at Katpadi (arrival 6.23 pm, departure 6.25 pm), Krishnarajapuram (8.48 pm/8.50 pm), SMVT Bengaluru (9.25 pm/9:30 pm) and Mandya (10.38 pm/ 10:40 pm).

Railway officials said there was a demand for a second Vande Bharat with an early morning departure from Mysuru which will facilitate people commuting to Bengaluru.

Modi opens Multi-Modal Park

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"In just over two months of 2024, we have inaugurated and laid the foundation of Rs. 11 lakh crore projects. I started my life on railway tracks, so I know how bad our railways were earlier," PM Modi said.

An event was held at Kadakola this morning to mark the inauguration of the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) or Inland Container Depot (ICD) that was attended by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) Managing Director Shashidhar Mattad, (now retired), CONCOR Mysuru Division Manager Vijay Kumar, Senior Divisional Engineer of Mysuru Division Railway Ravichandran, CONCOR Area Head Gayathri and CONCOR Chennai Cluster Head K. Srinivas.

Will boost local export industries: MP

Addressing the gathering, Prathap Simha highlighted the significance of the project, emphasising its potential to bolster local export industries and fulfil a longstanding demand.

"The depot has been modelled after the one established in Whitefield, Bengaluru, and is poised to significantly benefit industries in the region," explained the MP.

"With all customs formalities being completed at the depot itself, businesses will no longer need to travel to ports for customs duty. Additionally, a dedicated Customs office and a cold storage facility will be established soon. This streamlined process will also reduce the lead time required to transport containers to the ports," he added.

The ICD-MMLP will provide seamless connectivity to major ports like the New Mangalore Port. The new facility will provide efficient rail and road transportation for both domestic and export-import cargo movements.

Situated in the Thandavapura industrial area, the COCOR has invested over Rs. 112.75 crore in the project, which spans across 60 acres of land acquired from the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board. The MMLP-ICD has three full-length platforms and stringent security measures including fire-fighting systems and CCTV surveillance to ensure operational safety and security.

Cold storage unit soon

CONCOR Mysuru Division Manager Vijay Kumar said that the facility will feature a cold storage unit soon and provisions for customs clearance for both export and import cargo. Currently, industrialists in the Mysuru region have to obtain customs clearance at ports, but with this facility, the process will be conveniently available at their doorstep.

The ICD will empower industrialists to transport finished goods and raw materials through CONCOR to major ports and cities, benefiting from rail connectivity to almost all major cities, towns, and ports, including Mangalore Port and Chennai Port.

"This initiative will not only enhance exports from the region but also streamline the transportation process, reducing the lead time required to ship containers to the ports," Vijay Kumar explained.

Canal tragedies continue in Mandya

One killed as car falls into Visvesvaraya Canal

Mandya, Mar. 12 (Mohanraj &VNS)- One person died on the spot while another sustained serious injuries when the car in which they were travelling fell into the Visvesvaraya Canal near Avverahalli in Mandya this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Nandisha (19). The Police said that Nandisha and his elder brother Yogananda, both residents of Doddabyadarahalli in Mandya, were travelling towards Yeliyur at about 9.45 am when the Maruti Swift car (KA-55 M-2967) veered of the road and fell into the dried canal.

Soon, passersby and local villagers rushed to the spot and were able to pull both of them out of the car. While Nandisha had died on the spot owing to severe head injuries, Yogananda has been shifted to Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS), where his condition is said to be serious.

On receiving information, the local Police visited the spot and conducted mahazar before registering a case.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mandya SP N. Yathish said that the driver lost control of the car as it was in high speed. He also said that the absence of crash barriers had resulted in the car plunging into the canal.

Mandya Rural Police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating.

Dr. C.N. Manjunath to contest from Bengaluru rural seat

Dr. Manjunath

Bengaluru, Mar. 12 (KMS &DM)- Renowned Cardiologist and former Director of Bengaluru-based Jayadeva Institute of Cardiological Sciences, Dr. C.N. Manjunath will contest as the BJP-JD(S) coalition candidate from Bengaluru Rural Constituency in the forthcoming LS polls. He will take on sitting Congress MP D.K. Suresh, who is being fielded again by the Congress.

Announcing the decision to field Dr. C.N. Manjunath at a party workers meeting at Ramanagara yesterday, JD(S) State President and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that it was inevitable for the party to field a strong candidate to take on D.K. Suresh, who has created a fiefdom of sorts in the Constituency.

Maintaining that even the top brass of the BJP, with which the JD(S) has aligned to become part of the NDA (National Democratic Alliance), has asked him to field Dr. Manjunath from the Constituency, Kumaraswamy said though he had initially thought of supporting the candidature of C.P. Yogeshwar, now he too has indicated the name of Dr. Manjunath.

Hence Dr. Manjunath will be an obvious choice for the NDA coalition for Bengaluru Rural Constituency, he said and called upon his party workers to shun any differences and work unitedly with the BJP for ensuring the defeat of the Congress in the LS polls.

Mysuru youth drowns in Balamuri

Nikhil

Srirangapatna, Mar. 12- A 25-year-old youth, who had gone to Balamuri in Srirangapatna taluk along with his friends for a swim, has met his watery grave there on Sunday.

The deceased youth is Nikhil, a Lab Technician at K.R. Hospital and a resident of Gokulam in Mysuru.

On Sunday, Nikhil, along with eight of his friends, had gone to Balamuri and when they were swimming in the river, Nikhil got drowned. Nikhil's friends immediately informed KRS Police, who rushed to the spot, summoned expert swimmers and divers to trace the body.

As it got dark, the search operation was stopped and when the operation resumed on Monday morning, the swimmers traced the body and fished it out of the river.

Based on the complaint from Nikhil's parents, KRS Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Youth electrocuted while shifting power line

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (RK&KS)- A 27-year-old youth was electrocuted while shifting a power line at Kalyangiri in city on Monday.

The deceased youth is Pradeep, a resident of Mahadevapura in Srirangapatna taluk.

It is learnt that one Shekar, a CESC Lineman, was getting the power line shifted from Pradeep when the tragedy took place. Pradeep was engaged in shifting the power line passing in front of a house when electricity flowed through the power line electrocuting Pradeep. The body of Pradeep was hanging from the power line, eye witnesses said.

Local residents removed the body from the power line and shifted it to a private hospital. Pradeep's parents and residents of Mahadevapura, who rushed to the hospital, shouted slogans against CESC officials.

CESC Superintending Engineer (SE) Sunil, Executive Engineer (EE) Poorachandra, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Sudheendra and Assistant Engineer (AE) Manjunath, who rushed to the hospital, told Pradeep's parents and villagers that they came to know that Pradeep was doing an illegal work and had not taken permission from CESC besides telling that the CESC Lineman was getting this illegal work done from Pradeep.

Based on the complaint from Pradeep's father Kumar, Udayagiri Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Obituary

K. Ramdev

Mysuru, Mar. 12- K. Ramdev (81), former employee of Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Kharkhane (PSSK), popularly known as Pandavapura Sugar Factory and a resident of No. 168, A1 Block, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away following age-related ailments in city yesterday midnight.

He was the younger brother of K. Vijayakumar, retired Joint Director of Information and Publicity Department and is survived by his wife and a host of relatives and friends.

Ramdev had acted in many dramas including 'Gowdara Gaddala' and was a close associate of Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade and Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji, Founder of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple in city.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Alleged harassment and blackmailing by youth

Girl lodges Police complaint

Mysuru, Mar. 12- A 25-year-old girl has lodged a complaint against a youth for allegedly harassing her, pestering her to love him, blackmailing her, taking away Rs. 2 lakh cash and her scooter besides issuing life threats to her.

A case has been registered against the youth identified as T.K. Nikhil at Vijayanagar Police Station.

In her complaint, the girl has stated that during 2014-15, Nikhil, who was her neighbour, used to waylay her whenever she used to go for college and later for work, used to pester her to love him besides abusing her using foul language and harass her mentally. She has also stated that Nikhil used to threaten to kill her if she tries to marry someone else.

The complaint further stated that Nikhil had clicked her private photos secretly, threatened her by saying that he would upload the photos on Facebook and WhastApp and had got Rs. 77,000 transferred to his Bank account through Google Pay and had got Rs. 33,000 deposited to his account. Nikhil had received a total of Rs. 2 lakh from the girl.

In 2022, Nikhil, who told the girl that he had to go to see his father, took her Honda Dio scooter (KA-09-JH-1227) and had not returned her scooter till date.

The girl, in her complaint, has also stated that Nikhil comes in front of her present house in a car and keeps on pressing the horn of the car, call her by her name in the presence of many people and shout at her with his parents Sundar alias Kunjiram and Saroja supporting him.

Stating that Nikhil had assaulted her physically and mentally many times, the girl has further stated in the complaint that she has become depressed due to Nikhil's behaviour and has urged the Police to take action against him. Vijayanagar Inspector Pradeep, who has registered a case, is investigating.

Ramzan Holy Month and fasting begins from today

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (AP)- Following the sighting of the Moon yesterday, the Ramzan Holy Month and fasting began today.

The Mysore District Moon Committee had held a meeting at the office of the Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee on Sayyaji Rao Road yesterday at 7 pm which was presided by Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazrath Moulana Mohamed Usman Shariff.

During the meeting, information regarding sighting of Moon was gathered from different parts of Mysuru district and since the Moon was sighted at all places including Mysuru city, the Sir Khazi contacted the Central Moon Committee in Bengaluru and declared the sighting of the Moon and beginning of Ramzan Holy Month and fasting from Tuesday (Mar. 12).

Later, Moulana Mohamed Zaka Ulla read the resolution passed in the meeting and greeted Muslim brethren of city.

Chairman of Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee Ghayaz Ahmed Akram, Moulana Mufthi Syed Tajuddin, Moulana Ibrahim, Moulana Syed Sha Vali Ulla, Former Corporator Suhail Baig, social workers Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, Majeed Khan, S.K. Mudassir, Muslim Co. Operative Bank Ltd. former Director Mohammed Abdus Salam, Wakf Officer Mushtaq Ahmed and others were present at the meeting.

Winners of MCICT Shuttle Badminton Tournament

Sapient College women's team receiving the prize from** (extreme left) **Prof. Basavalingu, retired Professor, DoS in Earth Science, UoM and Prof. M. Chandrakumar, retired Professor, DoS in Physical Education & Sports Science, UoM. Also seen are** (from right) **Mohan, Physical Education Director of Sapient College and Prof. C. Venkatesh, Director, Department of Physical Education, UoM.

Vidyavardhaka Engineering College men's team, which won first prize Shuttle Badminton Tournament, is seen with the dignitaries during the prize distribution ceremony.

Mysuru, Mar. 12- The Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM) and Teresian College, Mysuru, in association with Prof. Basavalingu and his family, had organised the MCICT Men and Women Badminton Tournament recently.

Prof. Basavalingu sponsored around Rs. 3 lakh Silver Rolling Trophy in memory of his mother Kalyanamma and his father, late Basavaraju, to the MCICT Men and Women Badminton Tournament. The Tournament was held at PGSC, Manasagangothri Indoor Hall, UoM.

Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, inaugurated the men's and women's MCICT Badminton Tournament by servicing the shuttle in the presence of Prof. Basavalingu, retired Professor, DoS in Earth Science, UoM, Kumar, former Kho-Kho player, Mysuru, Anthony Moses, Physical Education Director, Teresian College & Convener, MCICT, Mysuru and Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Deputy Director, Department of Physical Education, UoM.

MLA K. Harishgowda was the chief guest. Prof. C. Venkatesh, Director, Department of Physical Education, UoM, presided over the programme.

Prof. Sadashiv, Department of Chemistry, PGSC, Manasagangothri, UoM, welcomed the gathering. Anthony Moses coordinated the programme. Prof. Srinivas, Department of Microbiology, PGSC, Manasagangothri, UoM, proposed a vote of thanks.

Eleven women and 19 men took part in this Tournament.

RESULTS

Men's Section

1st Semi-final: Vidyavardhaka Engineering College, Mysuru, beat Sapient College, Mysuru, by 3-2.

2nd Semi-final: JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, beat SBRR MFGC, Mysuru, by 3-0.

Final: Vidyavardhaka Engineering College beat JSS Science and Technology University by 3-2.

Women's Section

1st Semi-final: MICA College, Mysuru, beat PGSC, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, by 2-0.

2nd Semi-final: Sapient College, Mysuru, beat GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, by 2-0.

Final: Sapient College beat MICA College by 2-0.

Prizes were distributed during the valedictory held on Mar. 5 at PGSC, Manasagangothri, UoM, Shuttle Badminton Indoor Hall, Mysuru, by Prof. M. Chandrakumar, retired Professor, DoS in Physical Education & Sports Science, UoM.

KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tournament

RBNCC emerge champions

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (VNS)- City's RBNCC won the KSCA Mysuru Zone T20 Tournament defeating JoJo CC by 5 wickets in the final held at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri, here recently.

Having won the toss and elected to bat first, JoJo CC scored 116 runs in the allotted 20 overs losing seven wickets.

While wicket-keeper G. Harshavardhan (37 runs) and B. Tanu (21 runs) topscored for JoJo CC, skipper M.B. Darshan and Abhinoam G. Jacob picked up two wickets each for RBNCC.

In reply, RBNCC scored 120 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 18 overs. Nikin Jose topscored with 24 runs while M. Utham Aiyappa (23 runs), B. Dheemanth (18 runs), N. Bharath (18 runs) contributed well with the bat. Gowtham Sagar picked up a couple of wickets for JoJo CC.

Brief Scores

JoJo CC: 116 for 7 in 20 overs (G. Harshavardhan 37, B. Tanu 21; M.B. Darshan 2 for 11, Abhinoam G. Jacob two for 15) lost to **RBNCC:** 120 for 5 in 18 overs (Nikin Jose 24, M. Utham Aiyappa 23, Gowtham Sagar 2 for 13)

Marathon marks Intl. Women's Day celebration by Bharath Cancer Hospital

Mysuru, Mar. 12- As part of International Women's Day, Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO-Bharath Cancer Hospital) in association with Nexus Centre City, had organised a 5-km marathon in city on Sunday.

The marathon was flagged off from Nexus Centre City by DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Chairman of BHIO and Executive Chairman of Health Care Global Enterprises Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar.

BHIO has planned various health programmes including free health camps for women this month by offering free registration and consultation, 50 percent discount on Mammography, Ultrasound, Pap-smear and blood investigations.

More than 700 people from various walks of life including students from various colleges took part in the 5-km marathon.

Speaking on the occasion, DCP Jahnavi appreciated the participants for taking part actively in the 5-km run.

Bhagya Ajaikumar, who also spoke on the occasion called upon the public to recognise women's talent and include them in every sector.

Dr. Ajaikumar also spoke. BHIO Medical Superintendent Dr. Y.S. Madhavi, Senior Medical Oncologist Dr. K.G. Srinivas, Senior Surgical Oncologist Dr. M. Vijay Kumar, Radiation Oncologist Dr. Vinayakumar Muttagi, Senior Pathologist Dr. B. Kavitha, COO of BHIO Gowtham Dhamerla, Nexus Centre City Centre Head Kumar, Operations Head Mohan Kumar, Marketing Head of BHIO R.P. Anand and Marketing Head of Nexus Centre City Manu were present on the occasion.

Winners

Women: G. Harshitha Shree (first), R. Namrata (second) and Tsering Dickey (third).

Men: Raghuvaran (first), Manikanta (second) and B. Mahadevaswamy (third).

Student scholarship

Mysuru, Mar. 12- Social Welfare Department has extended the deadline for eligible SC community students to submit applications for Post-Matric student scholarship to Mar. 20. Students can apply via State scholarship portal *www.ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in*. For details, call Ph: 0821- 2520910.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 12)

MI Vs **RCB**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
New Delhi - **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 13)

DC Vs **GG**
Arun Jaitley Stadium,
New Delhi - **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

GG 152 / 8 (20 overs)
BEAT
UPW 144 / 5 (20 overs)

Live action on:
Sports18 & JioCinema

Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club celebrates Women's Day

Mysuru, Mar. 12- Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club hosted International Women's Day celebrations, aptly titled 'Vibrant Mysuru,' on Mar. 9 with more than 450 audience.

The evening commenced with a captivating Heritage Sarees Fashion Show, choreographed by Suma Prakash, former *Miss Karnataka*.

The ladies from the Club were gracefully attired in exquisite Banaras Sarees, Kanchipuram Sarees, Kerala Kasavu, Chiffon and Mysore Silk Sarees, showcasing the rich textile tradition of India.

Adding grace to the occasion, the Management Committee felicitated Sqd. Ldr. Paridhei Singh Karthik (retd.), a former Indian Airforce Pilot, for her exceptional service to the nation.

Renowned musician from Wayanad, Kerala, Reji Gopinath and his team enthralled the audience with their soulful violin renditions, filling the atmosphere with captivating melody.

Club President M.C. Mallikarjun welcomed the gathering. Club's Entertainment Chairman Rohit Ramdev proposed a vote of thanks.

Sqd. Ldr. Paridhei Singh Karthik (retd.), a former Indian Air Force Pilot, being felicitated by Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club President M.C. Mallikarjun at the Women's Day celebrations on Mar. 9. Picture right shows renowned musician from Wayanad, Kerala, Reji Gopinath performing at Women's Day programme at the Sports Club premises.

Curtains fall on Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival

'Karaga Kolata' performance by artiste Puneeth and troupe from Udupi. Picture right shows 'Kangeelu' performance by Sugipu Janapada Kala Tanda of Sullia.

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (MK&VNS)- Curtains fell on the six-day Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival with the staging of plays, folk dance and theatre songs at Rangayana, here yesterday.

Despite the absence of the Director, the officials and staff at the theatre repertory were able to organise the mega event successfully.

People were not only treated to plays and folk programmes but were also seen enjoying some of the delicacies at the stalls. Monday being the last day of the festival, the students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra presented various theatre songs under the title 'Yelekoralu Ulidave Kela'.

The event began by offering prayers to Lord Ganesha and songs such as 'Ede Thotilalla', 'Sanga-Balya', 'Devi Bhuvana Manohare', 'Baramma Ba Sundari' among others were rendered much to the delight of the audience.

The Kindarijogi premises witnessed traditional 'Karaga Kolata' performance by artiste Puneeth and troupe from Udupi followed by 'Kangilu' folk dance by Sugipu Janapada Kala Tanda of Sullia. City's Rangavalli theatre group staged the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha' at Kirurangamandira, artistes of Akhoka Theatre of Manipur staged the non-verbal play 'Aboriginal Cry', Nalwadi Social, Cultural and Educational Trust, Mysuru, staged the play 'Beralge Koral' written by Kuvempu at Vanaranga and artistes of Sharada Arts Kalavidaru of Kasaragodu staged a Tulu play 'Kathe Eddendu' at Kalamandira.

Students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra presenting theatre songs.

Artistes of Rangavalli Theatre Group staging the play 'Parshwa Sangeetha' at Kirurangamandira.

This year's national theatre festival featured a total of 19 plays including 10 Kannada and one Tulu play and six of other languages like Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali. Two-day National Seminar on 'Vachana Sahitya and Theatre' witnessed deliberations on topics such as 'Contemporary Interpretation of Vachana Movement', 'Vachana Movement and Gender Equality', Vachana Movement and Kannada Theatre', 'Philosophy, Technology and its Cultural Impact', 'Theatre and Technology' and 'Contemporary Theatre towards Community.'

WORD OF THE DAY

Weltanschauung

Pronunciation: VELT-ahn-show-ung ("ow" as in "cow") (Noun)
Meaning: A Weltanschauung is a worldview; in other words, a comprehensive conception or apprehension of the world especially from a specific standpoint.
Origin: The German word Weltanschauung literally means "world view"; it combines Welt, meaning "world," with Anschauung, meaning "view." (You might have noticed this word's resemblance to another German borrowing, weltschmerz, meaning "world-weariness" or "world-pain"). When English speakers first adopted Weltanschauung in the mid-19th century, it referred to a philosophical view or apprehension of the universe, and this sense is still the most widely used. It can also describe a more general ideology or philosophy of life. Note that the word is typically capitalised in English, as all nouns are in German.
Example: "[Writer Martin] Amis' subject matter was unforgiving: the degradation of individual values and the incorporation of greed, indifference and cruelty into public morality. But so intense was his focus, and so forensic the methodology he brought to his task, that each novel revealed some new facet of his ever-darkening Weltanschauung." — The Southland Times (New Zealand), 24 May 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Tittynope

A small quantity of something left over.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Finding Your Feet

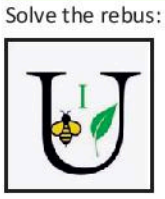
Meaning: When you use the term 'Finding Your Feet' you mean that someone is becoming confident in a new situation.
Origin: No one is certain where the expression 'Finding your feet' originates. If you have ever seen a newborn animal working its way to a standing position, you might understand why this expression is one that has been around in various forms since ancient times.
Example: "You've only been working here a few days, but you really are finding your feet!"

QUOTE BOX

The more I think about it, the more I realise there is nothing more artistic than to love others. **— Vincent Van Gogh**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: I believe in you.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Freshwater fish
5 TV listing abbreviation
8 Close up
12 Force, stress, strain
13 Girl's name
14 Point or period of perfection
15 Life jackets (3,5)
17 Yell
19 Swindle or rip-off
20 Puts a soundtrack on a tape or a film
22 Baking ingredient
26 Sponge
29 651 in Roman numerals
30 ___ Brynner : hairless hero from Hollywood?
31 Pulsate
33 Female ruff
34 Lyric poems with complex stanza forms
36 Formed a spark
38 Kiosk
40 Group of three
41 Track event
43 Fine and splendid
47 Cover for a letter
51 Amuse oneself
52 Pedro's uncles - "Otis" changed?
53 Six ___ __ : five, arithmetically speaking? (5,3)
54 Crow sounds - "scaw" anagram?
55 Not divisible by two
56 Greekletters-"seat"changed?

DOWN
1 Cert. Public. Accts.
2 Main or principal as a prefix?
3 Pop singer ___ Fernandes
4 False, prefix
5 Stomach informally
6 Copper-zinc alloy
7 Airlines Electronic Engg. Comm.
8 Appeared to be?
9 Abstract being?
10 Islet
11 Mormons gp.
16 Method
18 Clump or bunch of grass / hair
21 Thailand money
23 An area of ground
24 Downhill racer
25 Wear it round the neck
26 A board game
27 Bread spread
28 Rise rapidly
30 Teenage lout
32 Ship's prison
35 Emphasise
37 A dead body
39 ___ 9000: Sentient computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey
40 Not very warm
42 Lake of Northern Italy
44 It means __ __ to me : I appreciate it very much? (1,3)
45 Emile Zola's novel & heroine
46 Colouring agents
47 And so on abbr.
48 Network Interface Adapter in short
49 Promise
50 Conclusion or finale

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

U	S	S	R	■	M	O	A	B	■	R	E	A
I	O	N	E	■	E	T	T	U	■	I	M	P
S	H	O	P	■	C	H	E	E	R	F	U	L
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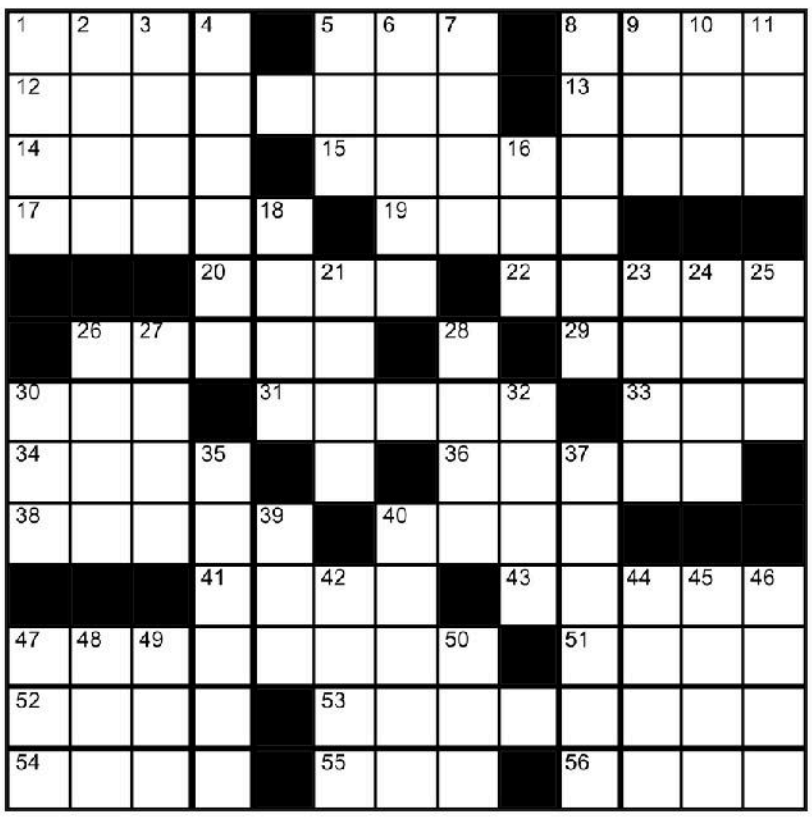

SUDOKU

		4			9	2		8
7				5	2		6	
1		2						
5	9					3		
				1				
		8					7	1
						5		2
	2		4	9				3
9		3	2			6		

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	9	3	7	2	4	5	6
5	4	2	1	6	9	7	3	8
3	6	7	4	8	5	1	9	2
4	2	8	5	1	3	9	6	7
1	7	3	2	9	6	8	4	5
9	5	6	8	4	7	2	1	3
6	8	4	7	3	1	5	2	9
7	3	5	9	2	4	6	8	1
2	9	1	6	5	8	3	7	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IBQMJB MQ OPB WLQO MWELJODSO TDROLJ

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Gaami (Te)	(S-1)	10.40 am, 10.10 pm
Jog 101 (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 7.05 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm, 7.10 pm
Dune Part 2 (E)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm; (S-4) 10.35 am
Blink (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Bhima (Te)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Manjumale (Ma)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

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Ranganayaka (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 7.05 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Kailasa Kasidre (K)	:	1.55 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	4.00 pm
Premalu (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	7.20 pm
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Article 370 (H)	:	3.50 pm
Dune Part Two (E)	:	10.05 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.50 am, 1.45 pm, 4.40 pm 7.35 pm,10.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.50 pm 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	1.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 7.10 pm 10.15 pm
Gammi (Te)	:	10 am, 7 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	11.10 am, 7.35 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	1.50 pm
Baby (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	:	10.15 pm
Vaaranam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
All of Us Strangers (E)	:	10 am, 7.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	:	12.30 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 10.10 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	9.20 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	10 am, 7.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.35 am, 1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Gargi (K)	:	12.15 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.05 pm
Gaami (Te)	:	4.00 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	4.00 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	4.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	10.15 pm

15-day online workshop at CIIL

Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi virtually addressing the participants during inaugural session of the workshop.

Mysuru, Mar. 12- Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer-in-Charge, National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, inaugurated the 15-day online workshop on preparation of Proficiency Test Papers and Items in Assamese, Bodo, Manipuri, Nepali, Dogri, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Urdu, Maithili, Odia, Santali, Bengali, Gujarati, Konkani, Marathi and Sindhi on Mar. 7.

NTS-I has organised this workshop at CIIL from Mar. 7 to 21 for the Assistant Professors, Lecturers, Assistant Teachers and Research Scholars, who are engaged in teaching and research of the concerned language, literature and linguistics in various institutions, Universities and Colleges across the country.

In this workshop, the participants will develop question items for testing the basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing (LSRW).

Speaking in the inaugural session, Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi briefed about the objectives of the workshop and highlighted the importance of proficiency tests and their importance in the teaching-learning process. He also emphasised on LSRW skills and added that, being fully proficient in a language requires appropriate use of all 4 language domains — LSRW — for a variety of purposes, in a variety of situations, with a variety of audiences.

Dr. Biresh Kumar, SRP, NTS-I compered the inaugural session. The NTS-I faculties Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Dr. Biresh Kumar, Dr. Abdul Halim, Dr. R. Shakuntala, Dr. Amit Kumar Jha, Ancy Thomas, K.S. Raghavan and N. Kashyap, Dr. Albina Narzary and Basudha Raje will train the participants in various academic and technical sessions of this workshop. Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi, Officer-in-charge, NTS-I is coordinating this workshop. Prof. Shailendra Mohan, Director, CIIL, Mysuru, is the overall patron of the programme.

In all, 156 Assistant Professors, Lecturers/ Teachers and Research Scholars, who are engaged in teaching and research in Assamese, Bodo, Manipuri, Nepali, Dogri, Kashmiri, Punjabi, Urdu, Maithili, Odia, Santali, Bengali, Gujarati, Konkani, Marathi and Sindhi (language, literature and linguistics) from various educational institutions, Universities and Colleges of the country, are participating in this workshop.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 12)

- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** 189th Jayanti of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Discourse in Kannada on 'Sri Ramakrishna's Life and Teachings,' **6 pm;** Sandyarati and Bhajans, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 13)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Sri Raghavendraswamy Pattabhisheka and Vardhanti Mahotsava, Sri Madanagopalakrishna Mahayaga and Navagraha Purassara Dhanvantari Homa, Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 am.**
- **Sri Chayadevi College of Education:** Women's Day, Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar inaugurates, Sri Chayadevi Vidyanikethana Trust President Dr. B. Banuprakash presides, Dr. C. Anthony Paul Raj of Sri Chayadevi Vidyanikethana Trust will be present, College premises, Rajendranagar, **11 am.**
- **Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society:** Releasing of Silver Jubilee Souvenir ('Sahakara Mithra') and felicitation ceremony, Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple graces the occasion, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha inaugurates, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar releases the souvenir, Society President Narayan V. Hegde presides, retd. Mysuru Akashvani Programme Executive Divakar G. Hegde will be present, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda and Hotel Owners' Association Charitable Trust President Ravi Shastri chief guests, Hotel Pai Vista, **5.30 pm.**

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Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm; (S-3) 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Karataka Damaraka (K)	(S-1)	12.55 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.00 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm
	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	(S-4)	7.20 pm
Gaami (Te)	(S-3)	10.05 am, 4.20 pm
Bhbhimaa (Te)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 10.30 pm

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Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	9.30 am, 1.05 pm, 7:00 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.45 pm, 4.20 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Ranganayaka (K)	:	10.05 am, 4.40 pm
Bhimaa (Te)	:	10.20 am, 7.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.45 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.25 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	1.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	3.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Kailasa Kasidre (K)	:	4.20 pm
Jog 101 (K)	:	7.05 pm
Thankamani (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Gaami (Te)	:	10.30 pm

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